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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: BUILDING WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS 2009—THE GREAT
TRANSITION CONFERENCE

The 2009 Building Workforce Partnerships event is set for May 27-28, 2009 at the San Jose Hilton. We encourage you to register and attend as this is an important training opportunity at a critical time for the workforce system. Event information can be viewed online at www.wed-works.org. Registration is just \$295.

Special pre-conference training for Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) labor representatives and rapid response practitioners is scheduled for May 26, 2009. The California Labor Federation has provided scholarships to several LWIBs to allow new rapid response practitioners to attend the training and event. The Federation is also convening regional training for rapid response and LWIB labor representatives. This training counts toward certifications achieved by attending additional sessions at the Great Transition Conference.

All costs associated with LWIB staff and members attending the Great Transition Conference can be covered through your local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) allocations.

About the Great Transition

Sponsored by the California Labor Federation, the annual Building Workforce Partnerships event is ultimately about collaboration. Event co-sponsors include the Employment Development Department, Employment Training Panel, Apollo Alliance, Working for America Institute AFL-CIO, EDGE Campaign, California's Rapid Response Roundtables, and the UC Berkeley and UCLA Labor Centers. Additionally, the Federation is actively seeking more co-sponsors.

The current economic crisis presents a threshold moment for government, business, and labor collaboration. This year's event explores the potential of a Great Transition through a convergence of economic stimulus, energy independence, and economic security. Hear from top federal and State officials and experts on:

- Changes in store for federal workforce programs, including WIA Reauthorization
- How stimulus investments translate into enough good jobs to restart the economy
- The best training models for the new economy

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Workshop Tracks profile the best learning from around the country on:

- Green Jobs & Economic Stimulus
- Rapid Response & Building Partnerships for Layoff Aversion
- High Road Labor-Business-Government Training Partnerships

If you have any questions about this Information Notice, please contact Ellen Baughman at (510) 663-4087, or at ebaughman@calaborfed.org. Information relating to the Great Transition Conference and online registration can be found at www.wed-works.org.

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